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### Child abuse scandal: YA sees copies of evidence given to investigator

\_\_\_\_\_ was asked to write a report by \_\_\_\_\_ to advise the agencies about the impact of the investigation upon the families and how they could be helped. \_\_\_\_\_ interviewed many professionals in the Southend area and also other experts in relation to child sex abuse. The first day \_\_\_\_\_ started the job, a women magistrate telephoned and said that she understood that \_\_\_\_\_ was undertaking work on the Shoebury sex ring and asked if she could tell \_\_\_\_\_ something. She alleged that her daughter had been sexually assaulted in the park by a police officer and other police officers had not investigated.

The Shoebury children said that they had been taken to addresses in Basildon, Tower Hamlets and Havering. A conference was arranged on organised abuse attended by \_\_\_\_\_ believes that \_\_\_\_\_ told \_\_\_\_\_ about the allegations. \_\_\_\_\_ said they were worried they were being discredited and nothing was happening. As a result of this, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ went to a meeting with senior managers in Health to discuss why child protection investigations were not being pursued. The

**DOCUMENTS:** Redacted copies of documents supplied to child abuse investigator Helen Kenward in the year 2000

# TURNING A BLIND EYE

#### EXCLUSIVE

By Charles Thomson

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CHILDREN abused by a Southend paedophile ring in the 1980s were also transported to addresses in Basildon, Havering and Tower Hamlets, according to documents seen by the *Yellow Advertiser*.

The papers detail evidence given to an investigator by a whistleblowing ex-social worker in 2000.

The whistleblower claimed children's services in Southend had

been "in chaos" when the ring was investigated and professionals struggled to get authorities to take the allegations seriously.

Several local charities tasked with providing therapy to the boys abused by the ring started receiving disclosures about men who had abused them, the documents said.

The charities pooled resources to "collate information on paedophiles, given by the children to those working directly with them".

Soon, the files said, "information was coming out about people working in the statutory agencies"

– including social workers and police officers.

But the authorities did not support the charities and failed to follow up on their information, the source claimed.

The whistleblower told the investigator they then received "threats" – although they did not say where from – "that if [their charity] did not shut up about child sex abuse, its grant would be removed".

The claims are contained in correspondence and minutes documenting the whistleblower's evidence to Helen Kenward, a child

protection specialist hired by Essex County Council in the late 1990s to investigate historic abuse allegations linked to County Hall.

The claims are corroborated by contemporaneous documents, written by representatives of the charities involved and seen by the *YA*.

In March, the county council confirmed the existence of the Kenward Report after the *YA* learnt it had been shared with police investigating the 1980s "Shoebury Sex Ring".

Two men were prosecuted and described in court as the "leaders" of the ring in 1990, but in recent years a *YA* campaign has forced police to reopen the case after whistleblowers questioned why none of the other alleged abusers identified by the victims were brought to justice.

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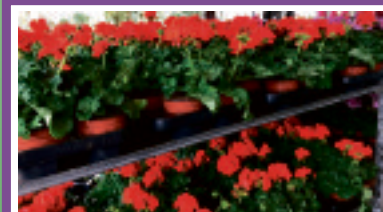
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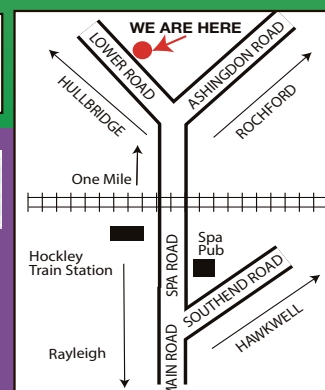
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# Robbery trio jailed

“Smart” police officers chase and catch gang on foot after 4am attack in Southend’s Lucy Road

THREE men have been jailed after pleading guilty to a robbery in Southend.

Donamiche Scarlett, 23, of Daniels Road, Peckham, and Akiff Ali, 20, of Mannin Road, Romford, appeared at Basildon Crown Court on Friday, April 13.

Ervin Balliu, 20, of Medici Close, Ilford, admitted robbery and being in possession of a knife in a public place.

All three were sentenced at Basildon Crown Court on Friday, May 4.

The court heard how a man was walking in Lucy Road when Ali ran up to him and wrestled him to the ground, at around 4.40am on Saturday, January 20.

Balliu and Scarlett assisted Ali in holding the victim down before they took a three-figure sum of cash out of his pocket.

Shortly before the incident, two officers had been viewing council CCTV at the scene using their mobile phones.

They responded and arrested all three men following a chase on foot. Balliu was then found to be in possession of a lock knife.

Balliu was sentenced to 42 months in jail, while Scarlett and Ali were each handed a 40 month jail term.

Investigating officer DC Andrew Coles, of Southend CID, said: “This case is a fantastic example of how we use our mobile phones to respond to live incidents.

“The technology was invaluable in helping officers make arrests immediately following the robbery, and the fact that these three offenders have been jailed today is immensely satisfying.

“Thank you to the victim for supporting the investigation. I hope it brings some closure and helps him move on after this awful incident.”

In October 2016, 2,000 new smart-phones were issued to officers through the Mobile First programme.

These phones provide apps that allow officers to access local CCTV to view as-it-happens footage.

In this case, officers arrived on scene in less than a minute after viewing CCTV on their police smart-phones.



**JAILED:** (l-r) Ervin Balliu, Donamiche Scarlett and Akiff Ali were spotted and caught by police officers using CCTV phone technology

## Hospital radio backs campaign to get patients moving

Scheme aims to help elderly patients get up and dressed for faster return to home



**RADIO:** Hospital radio presenter/committee member, Alice Ryan

SOUTHEND Hospital Radio and Essex-based radio amateurs are getting behind a new NHS campaign called EndPJPParalysis.

This nationwide NHS scheme encourages patients in hospital to get up, get dressed and get moving, so that they can get home quicker.

Southend Hospital Radio’s team recently interviewed the campaign’s founder, Prof. Brian Dolan, who has offered patients a number of tips on how to get more active. The interview is being broadcast regularly to patients, and is also available on the radio station’s website.

Prof. Dolan says that patients can suffer from something called deconditioning: “If you are 80 years of age and spend 10 days in a hospital bed, you will lose up to 20 per cent

of your quads power (the big muscles at the back of your thighs), 1.5 kilos of muscle mass, and have an ongoing weakness in those muscles for 3-5 years after discharge.”

This month sees the launch of the radio call sign GB1NHS, which has been issued to the NHS to help raise awareness with the millions of radio amateurs around the globe. Local amateur radio group Essex Ham is supporting this initiative, and will be linking up with Southend Hospital Radio to help spread the word and ‘End PJ Paralysis.

Prof. Dolan added: “Amateur radio has this extraordinary capacity globally to boost the social movement. This is a global story. We’re hoping to be able to link up with hospital radio stations, to help

spread the message to patients at the same time as promoting NHS initiatives using amateur radio.”

Pete Sipple, Chairman of Southend Hospital Radio, said: “We’re proud that we have the opportunity to support this national campaign, and to pass on simple, valuable tips and information to our listeners. The advice will hopefully help patients to think more about the benefits of getting up, dressed and home to their families that little bit more quickly.”

Southend Hospital Radio is currently looking for volunteers to join its enthusiastic team. For details about volunteering, and to listen to the interview with Prof. Brian Dolan, go to [www.southendhospitalradio.co.uk](http://www.southendhospitalradio.co.uk)

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# Name the bear and help fostering drive

WITH Foster Care Fortnight approaching Essex County Council is asking people to help them to name their Bear in Care and highlight the need for more foster carers.

The Bear in Care has been the mascot for the council's fostering recruitment team since May 2017 and is part of a campaign for Foster Care Fortnight, from Monday to Sunday, May 14-27.

Foster carers have also joined in by posting stories on social media of how their teddy bears have adapted to life with their foster family.

Cllr Dick Madden, cabinet member for children and families, said: "With around 100 new foster families needed across the county, we're delighted to once again join in the Fostering Network's annual national campaign to raise awareness. With us you will receive local training, support and



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vide a secure home environment for a child. I would urge anyone who is interested to come along to one of our information events and speak to one of our existing foster carers and our fostering team to find out more."

To put forward a suggestion for the bear's name, entrants should email their ideas to [bearincare@essex.gov.uk](mailto:bearincare@essex.gov.uk) or submit their idea on social media by liking @essexadoptandfoster on Facebook and [essex\\_CC](https://twitter.com/essex_CC) on Twitter #namethebearincare.

A video about the campaign is at [www.youtube.com/EssexCountyCouncil](http://www.youtube.com/EssexCountyCouncil). The deadline for suggestions is 5pm on May 16 and the winning idea will be announced on Facebook and Twitter on May 21. For more details call 0800 801 530, visit [www.thefosteringnetwork.org.uk](http://www.thefosteringnetwork.org.uk) and [www.essex-adoptionandfostering.co.uk/fostering](http://www.essex-adoptionandfostering.co.uk/fostering).

## YA sees copies of evidence supplied to Kenward

### From front page

Documents reveal the Shoebury whistleblower told Kenward they had formed the opinion that children's services in Southend were "in chaos".

The informant was a former county council social worker but at the time of the Shoebury investigation, in 1989, worked for a charity commissioned by the council to counsel child victims.

A record of their evidence to Kenward stated: "The social workers were demoralised and there were staff

employed in Southend who otherwise would probably not have got a job in other areas, due to the difficulty in recruiting staff. There was a high level of anxiety about child sex abuse not being investigated."

The source told Kenward that during the investigation, their charity received "lots" of phone calls with tip-offs about alleged abuse, some connected to the ring and others not.

Many of the calls came from schools and one came from a magistrate, who

"alleged that her daughter had been sexually assaulted in the park by a police officer and other police officers had not investigated."

Kenward's source is amongst numerous former child protection workers who have spoken to Essex Police as part of its reinvestigation of the Shoebury ring.

The county council has refused to release the Kenward Report, claiming there is "no public interest" in doing so, and has also refused to answer basic questions about its contents.

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# Court cuts sentence of flare-killer teens

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TWO teenage killers have had their sentences almost halved after claiming they killed a man by accident during a prank that went wrong.

Keani Hobbs, 18, formerly of Stagden Cross, and a 16-year-old boy from south London, who cannot be named because of his age, were convicted last summer of the manslaughter of Vilson Meshi.

A trial at Chelmsford Crown Court heard the pair stole marine distress flares from a boat at Pitsea Marina, then tossed one into Mr Meshi's car as he slept in a car park in Pincey Mead, Pitsea.

Mr Meshi, 31, had travelled to Basildon from Glossop as he was due to look after his children, who lived in Pitsea with their mother, the following day.

He had decided to sleep in his car and pick them up first thing in the morning.

At trial the teenage boy admitted he had already been into Mr Meshi's car once to steal his wallet and mobile phone to raise money for drugs.

But he denied knowing Mr Meshi was inside.

He said he, Hobbs and others



**APPEAL:** Keani Hobbs

returned to throw a flare into the car as "a joke".

He said Hobbs filmed the incident on a mobile phone but the footage was never recovered by police.

Hobbs did not testify.

The defendants used a so-called "cut-throat defence" where each blamed the other for throwing the flare into the car but both were convicted.

Hobbs was sentenced to nine years and the boy to six.

At the Court of Appeal last week, lawyers conceded the pair had known Mr Meshi was asleep inside the vehicle but claimed they had not anticipated how dangerous it was to throw a flare inside.



**VICTIM:** Vilson Meshi, inset, and the inside of his car

The court decided to reduce their sentences.

Lord Burnett, the Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales, told the court the incident was a "prank which gave rise to dreadful and tragic consequences".

He said: "They expected to wake the sleeping occupant out of the car and watch his reaction as he sought to get out of the vehicle as quickly as possible."

"They would not have known that marine flares burn at a much higher temperature than ordinary fireworks, with an exceptional intensity and that the chemicals are especially toxic."

"They must have appreciated that Mr Meshi would cough and splutter, a moment's thought would have led anyone to conclude that some injury might be suffered from inhaling smoke and fumes and also that in scrambling from the car its occupant might hurt himself. But in terms of culpability the circumstances fall at a relatively low level."

Sitting with two other judges, Lord Burnett said the original sentences did not take enough account of the "reckless" nature of the crime or the youth of both offenders.

The court rejected a bid by Hobbs to have her conviction overturned.



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# St Michaels ski to medals haul

THERE was resounding success for St. Michael's School at the ERSA (Eastern Regional Snowsports Association) Schools Ski Championships Race held at Norfolk Snowsports Centre on Sunday April 30.

The School, situated in Leigh-on-Sea, entered four teams of racers, who were thrilled to claim silver and bronze medals in the Under 10 Female category, and bronze in the Under 12 mixed category. The four teams cel-

ebrated again as they were awarded third place overall for the school in the championships. There were further celebrations on Monday April 31 at the Independent Schools Association (ISA) National Indoor Ski Championships. The School entered two teams of racers, and brought home two gold medals and one silver medal. To top off their success, the whole team was awarded the prestigious title of ISA National Skiing Junior

Champions 2018. Mrs Maria Hadden, the ski team manager and a school parent said: "It was two fabulous days of ski racing, and the ski team are already looking forward to a promising and exciting 2019 season."

Headteacher, Mr Steve Tompkins, said: "We are all delighted with the children's successes. We are very proud of them all for their resilience and team spirit which resulted in these fantastic achievements."



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## Extra trains in £46m upgrade

SOUTHEND passengers are set to benefit from a better railway as work ramps up to upgrade Southend's Victoria branch line.

Network Rail is replacing the overhead wiring system, which includes the wires and structures, as part of a £46m investment.

This investment will improve reliability and allow for new trains and more services to run between Southend Victoria and London Liverpool Street.

The programme is a key part of Network Rail's Railway Upgrade Plan to provide a bigger and better railway, including:

- fewer delays and cancellations – especially in hot weather

- allowing for more train services, to support the growing number of passengers and

local economy, including the busy airport

- supporting the introduction of Greater Anglia's new trains which will start to come into service from 2019 with fast, free wifi, air conditioning, and USB sockets

The wiring system currently in place was installed in the 1950s and needs to be replaced in order to continue to run trains on the line.

To speed up the programme and deliver these benefits quickly, some of the work will be carried out during the night. This means that late night services will be affected from 9:30pm Monday to Wednesday from Monday June 4 to Wednesday October 10. During this time, structure and steelwork will take place, to prepare for the installation of overhead wires.

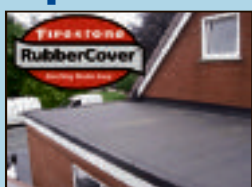
Meliha Duymaz, Network

Rail's route managing director for Anglia, said: "These improvements will make a real difference to Southend passengers as part of our Railway Upgrade Plan. This isn't just about improving reliability, but creating the foundations for future improvements, including new trains and more services, for the growing number of passengers using this line. I appreciate that the closures are inconvenient but the work is essential to improving the rail service for this region."

Jamie Burles, Greater Anglia managing director, said: "We realise that these engineering works are inconveniencing customers, but the work is vital if we are to transform the railway. We will ensure that people can still complete their journeys, even if part of it is by bus."

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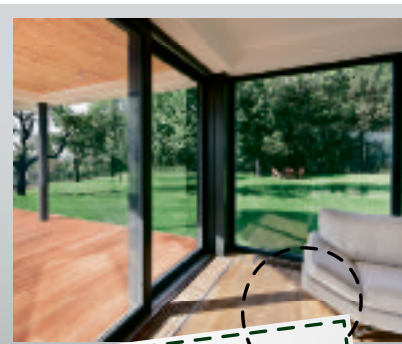
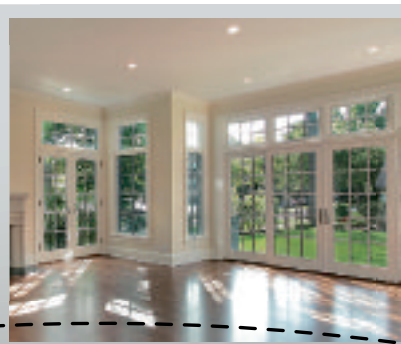


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## Underwater car park bid is ludicrous

AND the con goes on and on, but just who are they really conning, the people or themselves?

We are of course referring to Southend Council's latest desperate attempt to convince everyone that they can find the money to build their seafloor car park masquerading as a museum.

They now expect us to believe they can build their submarine car park and use the revenue generated from the mooring fees to pay for the construction of their vanity project at a future date.

Excuse us, but we just need to take a minute at this point to stop laughing before we point out the obvious flaws in this ludicrous scheme.

For starters, where is the money coming from to build the car park?

A fact which even they cannot deny is they don't have any money to build the car park in the first place.

They constantly tell us that the coffers are empty, that they can't afford to repair the roads and all our services have to be cut and yet they think they can find tens of millions to build this underwater car park.

Furthermore, how long will it take to raise over £50m to build their giant edifice on top of the boat park?

Given that the seaway car park, which they are selling off

for just £1 to developers, is roughly the same capacity as the proposed new car park and generates about £1m per year; that means they will have to squirrel away money for over 50 years before they can afford to build their fantasy and that's 50 years at current construction costs.

Furthermore, are they really saying that they are prepared to sit on that money for decades whilst all the time the town falls apart due to the lack of funds?

SKIPP has been pointing out for years the entire concept of a subterranean car park on the cliff site is fundamentally flawed on environmental grounds.

The car park they are proposing will be below current sea level in an area which is already subjected to regular flooding from the sea and this is before the effects of sea level rise are taken into account.

When this ill-conceived project was first proposed the council as per the legal requirement conducted a flood risk assessment as part of their options appraisal study.

This flood risk assessment clearly showed that the risk of flooding in the area is very high and would, over the proceeding decades, rapidly increase due to sea level rise to a point where a major flooding incident will occur on an annual basis.

Obviously they could reduce that risk by building huge new flood defences along the seafloor. But yet again they

don't have any money to build them. Furthermore their public documentation refuses to accept there is any risk in the first place.

How can this be? you may ask. Well it's simple really, the risk figure that they are publicly using is the risk based on an average across the entire height of the cliffs.

Or in other words they are quoting the flood risk at a height of about 30ft above ground level. That's three floors up!

The funny thing is when we ask the then councillor in charge to justify this he said "it wasn't an issue as nothing valuable would be kept on the lower floors anyway".

Not so great if your car is in the submarine car park though.

Stop peddling this nonsense and insulting our intelligence and accept that it is time to "drop the dead donkey".

**The SKIPP Committee**  
**Patsy Link**  
**Sheena Walker**  
**Mark Sharp**  
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## Thanks for your votes

ON behalf of David McGlone I want to thank the electorate of St Laurence ward for voting by a majority to retain David as their councillor.

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**Steve Buckley**  
**Agent to David McGlone**

# Win a scholarship to theatre school

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**SUCCESS: Last year's winner Zef Hudson**

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Catherine Morales, Principal at Razzamataz Rayleigh, said: "Many Razzamataz past scholarship winners are now gaining places in prestigious performing arts colleges and have gone

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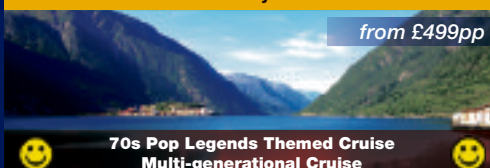
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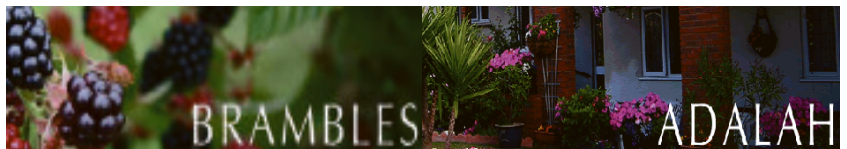
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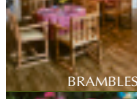
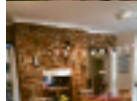


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# LIFESTYLE



## Jason brings midlife crisis to Basildon

By Lewis Berrill

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**F**ROM Neighbours to a chart-topping music career, from Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat to an appearance on I'm A Celebrity – next up for Jason Donovan... Basildon.

On September 22 he will be playing the Towngate Theatre as part of a UK tour.

Donovan's new autobiographical show, Jason and his Amazing Midlife Crisis, is an "in conversation" style performance, filled with stories, laughter and music spanning his amazing career.

In an interview with the YA, Donovan revealed he was worried the public would not be interested in

his life story, however initial reaction to the show has pleasantly surprised him. "It is so humbling to be selling out theatres across the country. My fans are the best," he exclaimed.

He was the ultimate '80s heart-throb who commanded a TV audience of 22million in Neighbours, dated Kylie Minogue and went on to score no fewer than 16 hit singles, sell over 30m records worldwide and appear in a series of hit West End musicals.

But at the time, it didn't make him happy. Pigeonholed and marginalised as a teen heart-throb and family entertainer, Donovan's desire to shake-off this image and be cool and credible resulted in him famously collapsing during a cocaine-fuelled binge at Johnny Depp and Kate Moss's party.

"My dad always said to me, the secret to a long and happy life is not to take it all too seriously. I've been on the edge, pushed my life to the extreme and come back from it which has actually made me stronger and made me realise what I don't want to do with my life," he mused.

"I think perhaps the key to a good life is keeping a balance both physically and mentally and the realisation that success is not the key to happiness, happiness is the key to success."

Meeting his wife and the subsequent birth of his children forced Donovan to re-evaluate his life. He reinvigorated his career on reality TV programmes I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out Of Here! and Strictly Come Dancing.

"In the past I've either been too young, too busy or too dazed and confused to be able to make sense my life. But now, on the eve of my fiftieth birthday – and older and wiser, if a little more weathered – I believe that I am finally in a position to put my life into perspective," he said.

"I'm in a great place, surrounded by good people and don't feel like I need to prove myself any more."

Now, aged 49 and three-quarters, and with a wealth of tantalising tales under his belt, Donovan's autobiographical show takes the singer's looming 50th birthday as its starting point and zigzags back and forth through a life in which becoming a heart-throb at 18 and falling from grace at 27 plays only a tiny part.

The show will be a rare chance to get up close and personal with the star with an opportunity for the audience to ask questions and experience a couple of stripped back acoustic versions of his classic hits.

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Director Jose Padilha would seem to be the perfect choice to crank up tension as the fates of terrorists, hostages and commandos collide head-on at Entebbe airport in Uganda.

The award-winning Brazilian filmmaker stormed the festival circuit

in 2007 with his debut *Elite Squad*, a gritty portrait of crime, punishment and machismo set in the favelas of Rio de Janeiro.

Regrettably, the qualities that set *Elite Squad* apart are sorely lacking from this crushingly dull modern history lesson which relies on a surfeit of slow-motion camerawork.

The most exciting element of Padilha's underwhelming film is a contemporary dance performance that punctuates all of the turgid to and fro between members of the Israeli cabinet led by Yitzhak Rabin and the hostage takers.

Shortly after Air France flight 139 departs Tel Aviv carrying predominantly Israeli and Jewish passengers, German revolutionaries Wilfried Bose (Daniel Bruhl), Brigitte Kuhlmann (Rosamund Pike) and their accomplices retrieve guns from hand luggage and storm the cockpit.

The plane is diverted to Benghazi in Libya, where they spend several hours on the runway then,

Uganda, where they become the guests of the country's fearsome president, Idi Amin (Nonso Anozie).

Rabin (Lior Ashkenazi) and the rest of the Israeli cabinet, including minister of defence Shimon Peres (Eddie Marsan), are faced with a ransom demand: the lives of the passengers for the release of prisoners.

While Rabin advocates diplomacy to defuse a volatile situation, Peres refuses to negotiate and conceives a plan for IDF forces to neutralise the threat in a daring raid.

"If I were still a general, I would never approve this mission," laments Rabin as he shoulders the burden of his country's expectations of a bloodless resolution to the crisis.

Entebbe takes 107 turgid minutes to oscillate back and forth between the two camps, reiterating conflicting political stances without delving into the meaty back stories of the characters spouting those words.

Bruhl and Pike are squandered in thankless roles devoid of verbal fireworks and emotional complexity.

Released: May 11  
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- Overeaters Anonymous Basildon Group – Navenend Community Hall, St Peter's Church, Church Lane, Basildon, SS13 1BZ. 8pm, Colin, 07446 080054.
- George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, beginners tai chi: 10am to noon, darts: 2-4pm, marquetry: 10 to noon, art: 12.30-2.30pm. Snooker and bingo, £2, 01268 465854.
- Sequence Dancing – George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, 2.15-3.15pm. 01268 465854.
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- Drama Classes – Helen O'Grady Drama Academy, The Stables, Chalkwell Park Drive, Leigh-on-Sea, not a stage school, designed to increase children's life skills, to enrol call Dina 01245 328680.
- Table Tennis – Laindon Community Centre, Aston Road, off High Street, for over-50s, 11am-1pm, 07931 564105.

### Saturday, May 12

- Try tennis for free – Crowstone Tennis Club, Victory Path East, Chalkwell Avenue. 2-5.30pm, 07828 861677.
- Spring fun for children – Canvey Methodist Church, Waarden Rd. 2-3.30pm. Free.
- Plant and cake sale – Chalkwell Park

- Methodist Church, corner of Eastwood Lane South and Kingsway, Westcliff, SS0 9XF. 9.30am to noon.
- South East Essex Ramblers – 5.5 miles. Sea Wall at Wakering stairs. Starts 10am. Free car park at Great Wakering Sports Centre, High St opposite The Exhibition Pub SS3 0HL. 07860 738777.
- Rayleigh History Walk – Rayleigh Windmill, Bellingham Lane, 3pm. £2. Details 01268 775328.
- Saturday Club – for people with special needs, 9am to noon, games, music, arts, crafts. Ages 14 upwards, Frypa Hall, The Fryth, Basildon. 01268 415409.
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- Yugioh Club – play and trade yugioh, 120 Southend Road, St Catherine's Church Hall, Wickford, SS11 8EB, mini-tournaments, 1.30-4.20pm. 07985 671289.
- Saturday Morning Club – St Michael's Church Hall, Leigh Road, 10am to noon, free entry, 01702 437863.

### Sunday, May 13

- South East Essex Ramblers – Five miles, Papermill Lock to Boreham. Starts 10am. Free large car park adjacent to Papermill Lock CM3 4BT. 07860 738777.
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- Ron Spack's Dinner Jazz Duo – Woodmans Arms, Rayleigh Road, Thundersley, 1pm. 01268 775799.
- Brush Strokes Art Group – Highlands Methodist Church, Leigh-on-Sea, 9.15am-12.15pm, 01277 627043.
- Exercise Class for stroke victims – St Peter's Church Hall, Eastbourne Grove, Southend, 2.30pm. 01702 612509.
- Sunday School – The Ark, Hadleigh Methodist Church, Chapel Lane, SS7 2PQ, 11am to noon, ages three to 10. Call 07585 601815 or 07967 913344.
- Quaker Meeting for silent worship and meditation – Quaker Meeting House, Dundonald Drive, Leigh-on-Sea, 10.30-11.30am, followed by conversation.
- King's Church, Southend – Blenheim School, off Blenheim Chase, Leigh, 10.30am to noon, 01702 523639.
- Greek Community of Southend & District, Church of St Barbara, St Phanourios and St Paul's, Salisbury Ave, Westcliff, 10am to noon. 01702 466435.
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### Monday, May 14

- Southend group of National Service RAF Association – Hadleigh Conservative Club. Details 01268 779697.
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- Ron Spack's Jazztet – Dave Jago, trombone, Chris English, keyboard, Oakwood, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, Southend, 8.30pm. Details 01702 512819.
- Bowls – FS&S Club, Gardiners Close, Basildon. All-weather green, free coaching, details call Chris 01268 419831.
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- Coffee Morning and sale of goods – Christ Church, Wickford, 9am to noon.
- Club 50+ – 1B Queen's Road, Southend, 9.30am-3.30pm, daily, £2 day pass, details 01702 346863.
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- Dance Class – ballroom, Latin American, Ashingdon and East Hawkwell Memorial Hall. Info: 01702 546219/ 542349.
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- Weekly Craft Workshop – St Peter's Church Hall, Thundersley, 6-8pm, Michelle 07730 582784.
- Basildon Players Amateur Dramatic Group – 8-10pm, Bowers and Pitsea Football Club, Crown Avenue, Pitsea. SS13 2BE. 07913 426371, join@basildonplayers.co.uk.

### Tuesday, May 15

- Social Club (over-50s) singles and couples. Table tennis, snooker, 8-10pm, St Andrew's Church Hall, Ashingdon. Drop in or call 01702 548597.
- Computer help session – Billericay Library, 10.30am to noon. Free. 01277 624624.
- Painting class – The Studio, Glebelands Nursery, Hawkwell, Hockley, SS5 4JY, 10.30am-12.30pm. Details 01702 30717.
- Yoga Class – Thorpedene Community Centre, Delaware Road, Shoeburyness, 7-8.30pm, £6, bring a blanket and yoga mat, ages 16-plus. 07961 314983.
- Craft Group – Oasis Coffee House, 189 Leigh Rd, Leigh, 2.30-4pm. 01702 471873.
- Social Dance – 1.45pm, St Cedd's Church, Bridgewater Drive, Westcliff. Ballroom, sequence, Latin, 01702 618771.
- Evening of clairvoyance – St Cecilia's Christian Spiritualist Church, 9 Lord Roberts Avenue, Leigh-on-Sea, 7.15pm, £2.50.
- Folk Music – The Hov at Anchor Folk Club, Royal British Legion, 7/9 Northview Drive, Westcliff, 8pm. 01702 715111.
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## Advertisement Feature

# Hospice offers chance for lunch with soap star



Sally and Marios with the hamper up for grabs in the raffle.

A local hospice is offering a unique opportunity to enjoy a three-course meal with a TV soap legend.

Havens Hospices is inviting people to enjoy a sumptuous seafood lunch at Simply Seafood in Old Leigh on Sunday 13th May with the charity's Patron, Rudolph Walker who plays Patrick Trueman in BBC One soap opera Eastenders. The lunch will include live music and entertainment, a raffle and the chance to meet Rudolph whilst raising money for new Fair Havens Hospice. The lunch will take place from 12pm to 4pm with the set menu featuring an exclusive chef's special 'Rudolph' chicken dish.

Owner of Simply Seafood, Marios Theoklitou, said, "I first met Rudolph last year when he came to the restaurant for lunch. When I found out he was a Patron of Havens Hospices I asked if he would agree to come to an event to help me raise funds for this amazing local charity. I understand the building will begin on the new adult hospice in Priory Crescent later this year and I am very happy to support this.

"I have been busy creating the 'Rudolph's' special chicken dish which will have a distinctive Caribbean taste to reflect Rudolph's heritage, as well as some new canapés with a seafood theme."

Fair Havens Hospice is part of Havens Hospices which also incorporates Little Havens Hospice for children and The J's Hospice for young adults. They provide respite, symptom control and end of life care to babies, children, teenagers and adults with life-limiting conditions.

The event will raise money for a new Fair Havens Hospice in Prittlewell which will care for twice as many patients facing an illness that cannot be cured and from which they are likely to die.

Havens Hospices Community Fundraiser, Sally Bridger, says, "Rudolph had been a Patron of Havens Hospices for many years now and we are delighted he is offering this exclusive opportunity to our supporters of enjoying lunch with him, whilst supporting the new Fair Havens Hospice. The day is sure to be an event to remember and with some delicious options on the set menu we hope to see lots of our supporters there."

Tickets are £24.95 and include a three-course dinner. Raffle tickets are available to purchase from Simply Seafood and prizes include a hamper and 'Fruits de Mer' platter.

To book tickets or for more information contact Marios at Simply Seafood on 01702 716645.



Rudolph with Fair Havens Staff Nurse Anita Marsh and Deputy Ward Sister Karen Brodick.



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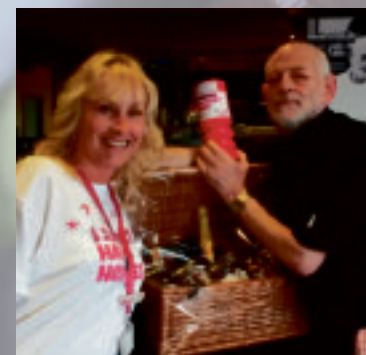
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RENT - £42,950 PAX

The premises comprise a substantial premises fronting the town square in the centre of Rochford, formerly occupied by National Westminster Bank PLC but having consent for use as a restaurant (Class A3). Planning permission was granted on the 17th May 2017 reference 17/00166/FUL to change from class A2 to class A3 restaurant/snack bar/ cafe. Lettings to an A2 office user would also be considered and would not require a change of planning use.



The Broadway, Leigh-on-Sea



RENT - £16,000 PAX

The property is located within the sought after Leigh Broadway shopping area at its junction with Leigh Hall Road and comprises a lock up shop with rear storage and an external w.c. The shop has a mostly glazed shop front with double doors and a small display frontage to Leigh Hall Road. The shop has traded as a ladies wear retailer for many years and is available owing to retirement.



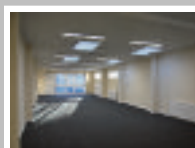
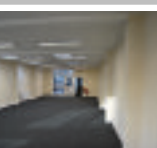
Trinity Avenue, Westcliff-on-Sea

FREEHOLD - £629,995

FREEHOLD £629,995 GUEST HOUSE FOR SALE TRINITY AVENUE, WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA. The property is located in Trinity Avenue, a short distance from the cliffs and the Cliffs Pavilion and comprises a 6/7 bed guest house which has been in our client's ownership for since 2010 and is for sale owing to retirement.



Nelson Street, Southend-on-Sea



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Earls Hall Parade, Southend-on-Sea



RENT - £8,700 PAX

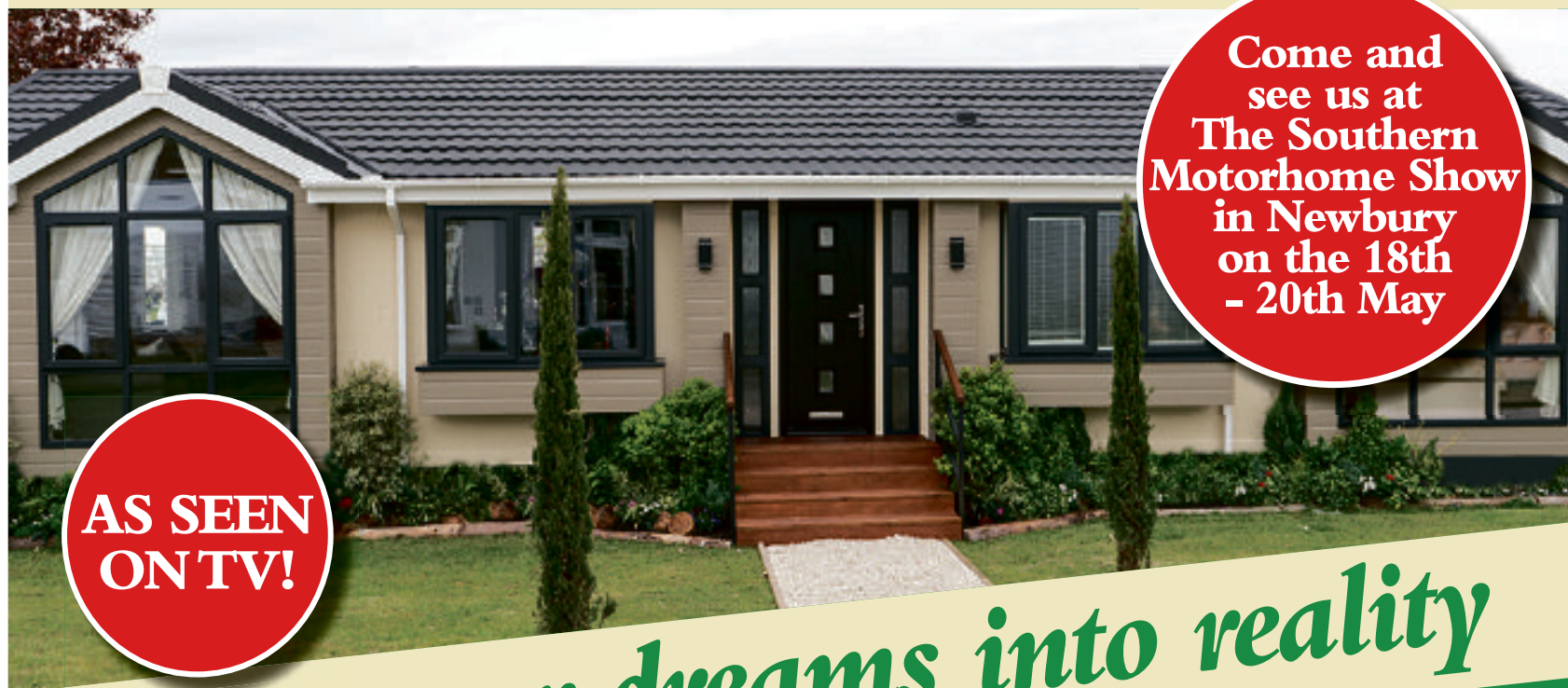
The property comprises a lock up shop, most recently used as a pawnbrokers, but suitable for a variety of other retail / offices uses. The premises benefits from a good level of security which can remain in situ if required by the incoming tenant. The shop is carpeted and has a suspended ceiling with recessed spot lighting. There is currently a secure counter area to the front sales area.



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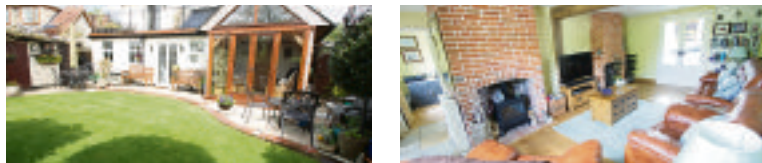
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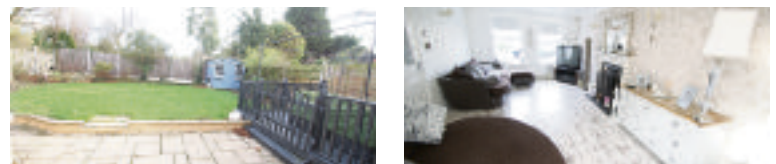
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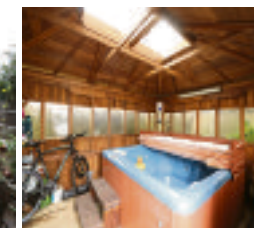
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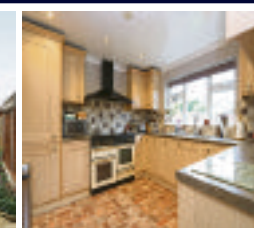


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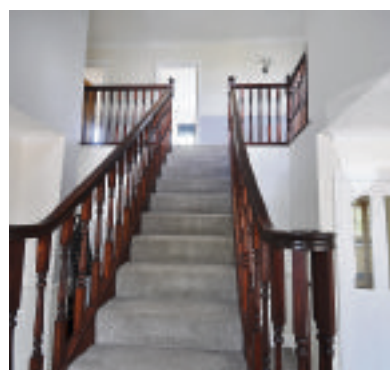
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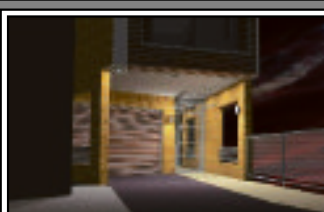
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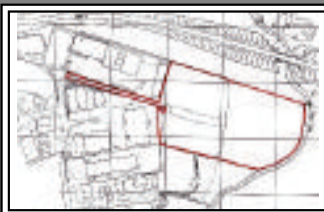
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## Suzuki gets sporty with new Swift

By Chris Russon

SWIFT by name and swift by nature – that's what happens when Suzuki gets sporty with its latest supermini.

A new Swift Sport is due for release in June and this one is the quickest yet.

Set to deliver the goods in no uncertain terms, the new Swift Sport has fun stamped all over it.

As a five-door only it is dressed to look the part and comes with a 1.4-litre turbo petrol engine boosted to deliver 140ps.

Significantly the engine has a healthy torque curve and with lightweight construction – it weighs in at less than a tonne – the Swift Sport has a mean punch.

On paper, 0 to 60 takes 8.1 seconds and the Swift Sport tops out at 130mph but work it through the gears and it flies.

There's more than enough oomph to keep any enthusiast happy and Suzuki has

priced its new model cleverly.

At £17,999 it is £1,500 above the rest of the Swift pack but more than £2,000 cheaper than others such as the Peugeot 208 GTI, Renault's hot Clio and the Vauxhall Corsa VXR.

There is also the likelihood of a keen PCP rate with no deposit and payments of less than £250 a month. At that point the Swift Sport stacks up in compelling fashion for those who want a bit of pep for their pounds.

Slightly bigger than the model it replaces the new Sport is some 40mm wider than the current hatchback. It also sits lower, can be had with some snazzy paint jobs and comes with styled 17-inch alloy wheels.

Everything is in the price – and that includes special paint finishes – and the equipment list is fully complete including sat nav, adaptive cruise control and full smartphone compatibility.



**STANDOUT LOOKS:**  
Suzuki Swift Sport

Sporty tweaks include carbon effect extensions for the skirt, sills and rear diffuser, while the tail is set off with a roof mounted spoiler with twin exhausts at the side.

With blacked out roof pillars and darkened privacy glass, the Swift Sport has standout looks – not least in its very bright

Champion Yellow body colour borrowed from the Suzuki Works Rally team.

It is one of six colours for the Sport and the sporty theme continues inside with red trim inserts in the dashboard, supportive seats and bespoke instrumentation. There's a red finish to the rev counter and the central instrument

panel scrolls through some interesting displays including a G-meter, torque and power gauges and a turbo boost readout.

Suzuki is proud about the punch the Swift Sport packs – and torque is up some 44 per cent on the previous, bigger engined version. There is nothing fake or flimsy about the

engineering and the Swift Sport sits on Monroe shock absorbers and handles in sweet fashion.

At the launch event in the mountains of southern Spain it was agile and responsive, benefiting from the low weight high torque configuration.

Fuel economy of 38 to the gallon on our run on the roads around Ronda while officially the Swift Sport is rated at 50.4mpg with emissions of 125g/km.

Compared to the previous model it is better on every front and reaps the rewards of Suzuki's latest technology.

In the Swift Sport it comes into its own with a rigid construction that at 975kg is 80 kilos lighter – and for sporty little hatches that is a vital component.

In its way it has as much about it as any other GTI and more than makes up for any shortcomings in straight line performance with some nifty handling in a very affordable little car.

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## West Ham outfox Leicester to secure Premier League status

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### Football

**Leicester City 0-2 West Ham**  
**Brian Jeeves reporting from the King Power Stadium**

WEST Ham United retained their place in the Premier League after goals from Joao Mario and Mark Noble earned the Hammers a vital victory on Saturday.

Hosts Leicester went into the game without a win in their previous four league outings and earning criticism from sections of their supporters who had indicated that the players' minds were already "on the beach".

Claude Puel made five changes to the side that was humiliated at Crystal Palace last week, his own position under scrutiny following suggestions of dressing room unrest.

It had been another turbulent week for West Ham. A bust-up between David Moyes and Andy Carroll, hot on the heels of successive 4-1 defeats, had again left fans scratching their heads as their charges remained embroiled in a desperate scrap to avoid the drop.

Leicester hadn't tasted victory at home since the middle of January, and they made a nervy start with Manuel Lanzini unlucky to see his strike deflect off teammate Marko Arnautovic, while Pablo Zabaleta nodded wide after Arthur Masuaku had picked him out from the left.

Leicester keeper Hamer thwarted Arnautovic with his feet after Lanzini had threaded him through, then the powerful Austrian sent a crisp volley against the bar as the east Londoners continued to press.

The game had become a dour, untidy midfield struggle, but just after the half-hour mark West Ham

grabbed a vital advantage. Masuaku picked out Arnautovic, who set up Mario for the simplest of tap-ins.

Riyad Mahrez was off-target as Leicester offered a threat while Lanzini hit the side netting as the visitors finished the half on the front foot.

Puel clearly sent his side out for the second period with a flea in their ear. Mahrez forced Adrian to fist clear as the Foxes increased the intensity.

However, they survived a scare when Christian Fuchs and Hamza Choudhury combined to snub out Arnautovic as he looked to double the Hammers' advantage.

Mahrez fired another attempt over as Leicester searched for some rhythm. But soon after Hammers skipper Noble lashed home from 25 yards after the Foxes had made a hash of clearing Mario's deep free-kick.

Under extreme pressure, this had been a thoroughly professional display to earn West Ham their third away success of a torrid campaign, lifting them four points above the drop zone.

Their place in the top flight was later confirmed when Southampton were pegged back by a goal deep into stoppage-time at Everton.

Speaking after the match, Moyes said: "I thought it was really good, especially first half, but it was the result that mattered.

"I think everyone was aware of the importance of the game, three to go, the sooner we got a win the better and I thought the players went about it in the right way today."

Moyes played down the ease in which his side had secured their success, adding: "I am trying to get us



**SKIPPER:** Mark Noble celebrates scoring West Ham's second goal  
 Photo: Tim Goode/PA Wire

being capable of that every week and not just on the odd occasion.

"We were brave on the ball especially in the first half, passed it well and maybe if we had been a bit more clinical up front we might have got even more."

Moyes was particularly impressed with the performance of Lanzini, adding: "There were times where he made the difference and we need him to do that.

"We have missed him. I also think there are bits he can sharpen up on, but he's a really important player. With him and Marko, they make things happen."

And the Hammers chief heaped praise on his skipper, adding: "I think if anybody was going to put the game out of sight it deserved to be Mark Noble because of what he does for the club and what he epitomises."

Meanwhile, Puel, remarked: "We saw the difference between a team playing for survival and just trying

to finish the season."

West Ham return to Premier League action on Thursday, May 10 when they face Manchester United at the London Stadium (7.45pm).

The Hammers finish their league programme on Sunday when Everton are the visitors (3pm).

**Leicester City:** Ben Hamer, Wes Morgan (capt), Jamie Vardy, Adrien Silva, Harry Maguire, Vicente Iborra (Aleksandar Dragovic 46'), Riyad Mahrez, Christian Fuchs, Yohan Benalouane, Fousseni Diabate (Demarai Gray, 60'), Hamza Choudhury (Kelechi Iheanacho 60') Subs not used: Eldin Jakupovic, George Thomas, Harvey Barnes, Sam Hughes

**West Ham United:** Adrian, Aaron Cresswell, Pablo Zabaleta, Marko Arnautovic (Edimilson Fernandes 78'), Cheikhou Kouyate, Manuel Lanzini (Andy Carroll 74'), Mark Noble (capt), Joao Mario, Angelo Ogbonna, Arthur Masuaku (Patrice Evra 90+2'), Declan Rice Subs not used: Jordan Hugill, Pedro Obiang, Josh Cullen, Nathan Trott

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## Frustrated Blues are held by ten-man Rovers

**Southend United 0**  
**Bristol Rovers 0**  
**Sky Bet League One**

**By Rowland Lyons at Roots Hall**  
 CHRIS Powell's Blues had to be content with a share of the spoils on Saturday after a goalless draw against the ten-men Pirates.

Ollie Clarke was dismissed late in the first-half for a second yellow card, but United were unable to make their numerical superiority count.

In blazing early evening sunshine both sides started full of attacking intent. Rovers' Ellis Harrison and Liam Sercombe both tried their luck, before Theo Robinson tested keeper Sam Slocombe with a wickedly curling effort.

Harrison, Sercombe and Bernard Mensah all wasted opportunities, before Jason Demetriou got in on the act, on 31 minutes, completely missing the target from close range.

Blues edged closer four minutes

later when top scorer, Simon Cox, rattled the Rovers bar with a spectacular overhead effort, before Robinson saw his long range effort blocked by Tom Lockyer.

The impressive Dru Yearwood was forced off on 38 minutes for apparent precautionary measures, with Ben Coker entering the fray and the versatile Demetriou stepping into the engine room.

Having been cautioned for a clash with skipper John White, Clarke saw red, three minutes before the turnaround, for a poor challenge on Sam Mantom, leaving the midfielder requiring prolonged treatment.

Predictably, Mantom failed to reappear after the interval, with Powell forced to bring on Marc-Antoine Fortune and Cox dropping into a central midfield role.

Southend came out all guns blazing for their final 45 minutes of the season, and within a minute Slocombe

had to be on his mettle to paw away Kightly's curling free-kick. But Rovers, understandably packing out their defence, continued to frustrate.

Southend weren't helping themselves, as Fortune wasted a 67th minute chance. Just two minutes later Rovers nearly made the Blues pay, with Harrison bringing out the best in Oxley with a stinging close-range effort.

Rovers continued to defy the odds and having won a 73rd minute corner, Blues failed to clear and former Millwall man, Tony Craig hit a post.

Despite late concerted Southend pressure, the game petered out into a tame stalemate, leaving Powell reflecting: "It was a typical end of season game, but, it was good to get a clean sheet."

With several players out of contract, Powell revealed: "It will only be tinkering [with the squad]. The players have proved they are good

enough at this level. There are financial implications, as we need a squad with which we can move forward."

Blues player of the season, Mark Oxley, added: "I will be happy to stay, as long as the deal is right. I'm going to let my agent deal with it."

**Southend United:** Mark Oxley, Jason Demetriou, John White (capt), Harry Kyprianou, Elvis Bwomono (Shayon Harrison 81), Stephen McLaughlin, Dru Yearwood (Ben Coker 38), Sam Mantom (Marc Antoine-Fortune 46), Michael Kightly, Theo Robinson, Simon Cox. Subs not used: Nathan Bishop, Anton Ferdinand, Jermaine McGlashan, Freddie Ladapo.

**Bristol Rovers:** Sam Slocombe, James Clarke, Tom Lockyer (capt), Tom Broadbent, Tony Craig, Liam Sercombe (Tom Nicholls 84), Chris Lines, Bernard Mensah (Mohammad Baghdadi 70), Ollie Clarke (sent-off 42), Ellis Harrison, Kyle Bennett (Luke Russe 57). Subs not used: Adam Smith, Alfie Kilgour, Cameron Hargreaves, Michael Kelly.

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### Non-league round-up

## Braintree secure play-off final spot

**By Brian Jeeves**

BRAINTREE Town booked a place in the National South play-off final after recording a 1-0 victory over Dartford in front of a bumper 1,704 crowd at Princes Park. Billy Cook scored the all-important goal for the Iron 18 minutes from time, setting up a clash with Hampton & Richmond Borough.

A place in the highest echelon of non-league football is the prize for the winners. Hampton & Richmond reached the final by beating Chelmsford City 1-0 at the Melbourne Stadium.

It was a disappointing afternoon for Canvey Island, who face another season in the Bostik North after a 3-1 play-off final defeat at Haringey Borough. Mark Kirby, Ralston Gabriel (pen) and Michael Ademiluyi found the net for the north Londoners. Steve Sheehan had given the Gulls hope, reducing the arrears to 2-1 in the final minutes.

A dramatic Essex Senior League campaign drew to its conclusion. Champions Great Waking Rovers, raced into a two-goal lead at Takeley thanks to strikes from Ricky Evans and Billy Johnson in the opening nine minutes. However, the Station Road outfit hit back after the break through Zanone and Castle to earn a share of the spoils from an entertaining 2-2 draw.

Southend Manor and Barkingside also finished all square as their match at the Southchurch Park Arena finished 1-1. Rhys Fatt found the net for the home side, Roddy Lemba replied for the east Londoners.

Selected highlights from the ProKit UK Essex Olympian League saw White Ensign win their Premier League encounter at Basildon Town 3-0, while Harold Wood Athletic and Springfield played out a 2-2 draw at the Recreation Park.

In Division One, Buckhurst Hill celebrated an immediate return to the top flight with a thrilling 5-3 success over FC Hamlets at Roding Lane.

Hutton were also amongst the goals, thrashing Snarebrook 5-0. Old Southendian slipped to a 2-0 defeat to Galleywood at Garon Park.

Concord Rangers have moved quickly to bolster their squad with the triple-signing of Sean Clohessy, Frazer Shaw and Kojo Awotwi.

Defender Clohessy gleaned a wealth of Football League experience, notably with Southend United, Colchester United and Leyton Orient.

Recently, he pled his trade with Bostik Premier League outfit Leatherhead, but was happy to follow former Tanners' boss Sammy Moore and his assistant Jack Midson to the Aspect Arena club.

"Having played with both and being at Leatherhead last season I know their vision, desire and expectations," he said. "I know the sort of players they're looking to attract to the club to make it a successful season."

Shaw, 23, also arrived from Leatherhead, having previously enjoyed spells with Leyton Orient, Woking and Eastleigh. Boss Moore was delighted with his latest recruit, adding: "Frazer brings with him a vast amount of experience along with pace, power, strength and Football League experience. I would like to thank the chairman, who pushed this deal over the line."

Pacy 21-year-old winger Awotwi joins from VCD Athletic. Previously he represented Concord's local rivals Canvey Island and Billericay Town. The player was also on the books at Brentford.

Landon Orient captured the Southend Borough & District Premier League title following a 1-1 draw with Shoebury Town Reserves at the Len Salmon Stadium. Callum Spence bagged the O's goal.

This result ensured Neil Blackburn's men the treble, having already secured both the Southend and Burnham Charity Cup competitions.

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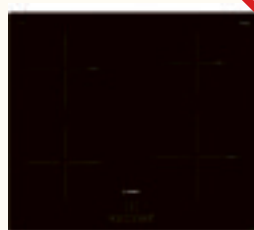


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